

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1996

H.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1996, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MAUI FOOD INNOVATION
CENTER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the
issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriate funds for the
completion of the Maui Food Innovation Center capital improvement
project at the University of Hawaii Maui College.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawai'i Community Colleges, University of
Hawai'i Maui College, Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation,
High Technology Development Corporation, and Hawaii Farm Bureau
Federation.

Your Committee finds that the renovation and equipping of the
Maui Food Innovation Center would improve the economic stability
and capacity of farmers, ranchers, and fishermen; agricultural
cooperatives; food entrepreneurs; existing small and mid-sized food
companies; retail and food service establishments; Native Hawaiian
cultural agriculture; and community food programs by providing
access to research and development capabilities, food business
planning, market research, quality assurance and food safety,
product and process development, and other services not currently
available in Maui County.



Your Committee further finds that the Maui Food Innovation Center will also build on the Maui Culinary Academy program at the University of Hawaii Maui College by providing faculty and students with opportunities for applied research, experiential learning, and workforce development and training within an expanding and evolving food industry.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1996, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair

The Senate
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>HB 1996, HD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HRE, WAM</i>	Date: <i>3-11-14</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert (VC)	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
IGE, David Y.				✓
KIDANI, Michelle N.				✓
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	<i>4</i>			<i>3</i>
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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